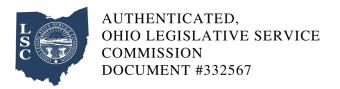


Ohio Revised Code Section 5501.421

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- (A) The director of transportation shall establish and administer a grass removal assistance support and safety program. Under the program, the department of transportation shall provide supplemental grass, weed, and other natural growth removal to a village when all of the following apply:
- (1) The grass, weeds, or other natural growth are within the right-of-way of a state highway.
- (2) The state highway is within the corporate limits of the village.
- (3) The location of the grass, weeds, or other natural growth makes removal, pruning, or trimming difficult, dangerous, presents a significant financial hardship for the village, or is imperative for maintaining clear visibility for drivers along the highway.
- (4) The legislative authority of the village requests assistance from the department through the program.
- (B) Under the program, the department shall provide support to a village through cutting, trimming, mowing, or any other substantially similar activity. All support shall be provided in a manner that is in accordance with department standards for maintaining grass, weeds, and other natural growth.
- (C) The director shall establish procedures for the program that include:
- (1) The application process;
- (2) A system for verifying the location and necessity of the aid requested;
- (3) A process for administering the grass, weed, and natural growth removal for qualified village applicants;



- (4) Any other procedures and requirements necessary for the department to administer this section.
- (D) The department shall provide the grass, weed, and natural growth removal assistance to each qualified applicant. The director shall not seek reimbursement for the assistance provided under this section from a village if reimbursement presents a significant financial hardship for the village.
- (E) Nothing in this section requires the department to reimburse or pay a village for grass, weed, and natural growth removal that is performed by either an employee of the village or a third party on behalf of the village.